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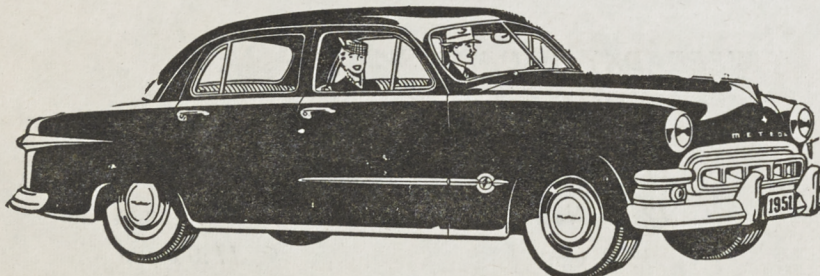
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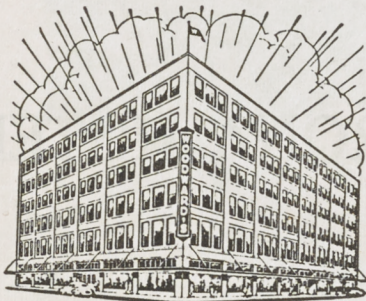
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### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT 1 — The Marsovian Embassy in Paris

ACT 11 — Same as Act 1

ACT 111 — Maxim's Restaurant, Paris



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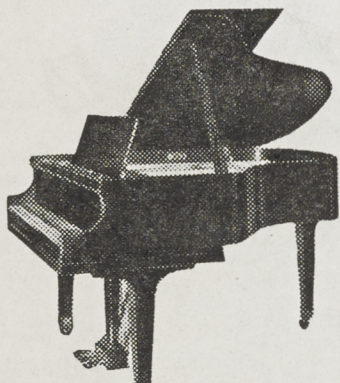


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PRINCE DANILO (Secretary of Legation) .....	Karl Norman
BARON POPOFF (Marvosian Ambassador to Paris) .....	Robert Eby
NATALIE (Wife of Popoff) .....	Hilda Thompson
OLGA (Wife of Novikovich) .....	Eleanor Bowerman



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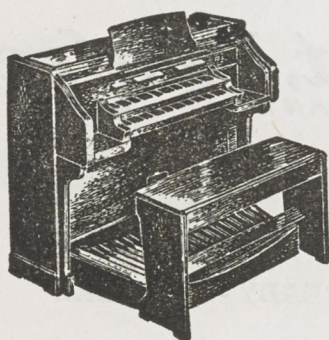
SYLVAINE (Wife of Khadja)	Rose Novakowski
WILLIE	Sid Burman
LOLO	Kay Hanak
DODO	Crystal MacDonald
JOU-JOU	Martha Halina
FROU-FROU	Dorothy McConville
CLO-CLO	Jeanne Olsen
MARGOT	Hazel Grice
ZOZO	Betty Muter

and

SONIA (The Merry Widow)	Noreen Bristow
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### MUSICAL NUMBERS

#### ACT I

Opening Chorus — Solo — "Now Ladies and Gentlemen" M. de St. Brioché  
Duet — "A Dutiful Wife" ..... Natalie and Camille  
Entrance Song — "In Marsovia" ..... Sonia and Chorus  
Song — "Maxim's" ..... Danilo  
Duet — "The Cavalier" ..... Sonia and Danilo  
FINALE — "Ladies' Choice"

#### ACT II

Opening Chorus — Song — "Vilia" ..... Sonia  
March — "Women, Oh the Women!" ..... Septet  
Duet ..... Sonia and Danilo  
Duet — "Oh Say No More" ..... Natalie and Camille  
and — "Romance" "Love In My Heart" ..... Camille  
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Song — "Zozo ..... Six Girls and Chorus

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## OUR GUEST ARTIST

It is with great pleasure that we welcome once more Mr. Karl Norman of Vancouver, who also took the leading role in our last production of "The Student Prince". We wish him continued success in his musical career and hope that we will have an opportunity of hearing him again in some of our future presentations.

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The Society also mourns the loss of Mr. George Bowen, who was in charge of ticket sales and the program for the past two years. Mr. Bowen's unfailing efforts won him a warm place in the hearts of the members of the Society.

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